Disabled Persons Act, 1995

†2739. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Disabled Persons act, 1995 is in force;

(b) if so, whether there is a provision in the said Act that only those teachers who are trained in the course formulated by the Indian Rehabilitation Council, can teach the teachers imparting education to disabled children;

(c) if so, the scheme being formulated by Government for imparting training to such teachers and by when the same would be implemented; and

(d) if not, whether it is not violation of the provision of said Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 is in force *w.e.f.* 07.02.1996.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Education of disabled children

2740. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that just a little less than a decade after enactment of the Persons with disabilities (Equal Opportunities Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, hardly one per cent of the 20 million disabled children in the country go to schools;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far and being taken by the Central and State Governments to ensure that disabled children go to schools; and

(c) the reasons for the slow pace of implementation of the Act especially with respect to the disabled children?

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